

Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor — Veto.

Patricia A.
Morin,—
sick leave
bank.

A message from His Excellency the Governor returning with his objections thereto in writing the engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Patricia A. Morin, an employee of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services [see House, No. 4262, amended] (for message, see House, No. 4466), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Thursday, October 4.

The message was read; and, under House Rule 12, it was placed in the Orders of the Day for the next sitting.

Appointment to a Special Commission.

EBT cards,—
cashless
payment
system.

The Minority Leader announced that he had appointed Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton to serve as his designee on the special independent commission established (under Section 5 of Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2012) to study and report on the development of a cashless payment system in using electronic benefit transfer, or EBT, cards.

Guests of the House.

Tremont
School.

During the session, the Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford), declared a brief recess and introduced a group of fifth and sixth grade students, their chaperones and teacher, Nina Alberg, from the Tremont School in the town of Weston, who were seated in the House Chamber. They were the guests of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton.

Resolutions.

Patria e
Lavoro
Society.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Parisella of Beverly) congratulating the Patria e Lavoro Society of Beverly on the occasion of its one hundredth year anniversary, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Balser of Newton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Representative Conroy of Wayland and Senator Eldridge presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4471) of Thomas P. Conroy and James B. Eldridge (by vote of the town) for legislation to increase the membership of the board of selectmen in the town of Sudbury; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Sudbury,—
board of
selectmen.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill authorizing the town of Seekonk to convert seasonal licenses to annual licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (Senate, No. 2420, amended in section 1, in lines 3 and 4; in section 2, in lines 19 and 20; and in section 3, in lines 34 and 35, by striking out the words "all alcoholic", in each instance, and inserting in place thereof the words "wine and malt") (on Senate, No. 2352) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Seekonk,—
alcoholic
beverages.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2448) of Katherine M. Clark, Paul J. Donato, Christopher G. Fallon and Stephen Stat Smith (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the Malden traffic commission to establish special speed regulations on certain streets, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Transportation.

Malden,—
traffic
regulations.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, for the committee on Election Laws, on House, Nos. 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 212, 213, 214, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1112, 1113, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1119, 1120, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1982, 1983, 1984, 2729, 2730, 2731, 2732, 2733, 2735, 2736, 2738, 2741, 2742, 3114, 3115, 3116, 3227, 3350 and 3430, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Election Laws to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning election laws issues (House, No. 4467) [Representative Lombardo of Billerica dissenting]. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Election
Laws
issues,—
study.

Subsequently Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted.

By Mr. Speliotis of Danvers, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, on House, No. 3851, a Bill relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city of Somerville (House, No. 4468) [Local Approval Received]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Somerville,—
alcoholic
beverages.

Emergency Measures.

Ellen
Grady,—
sick leave
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Ellen Grady, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see Senate, No. 2418), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

New Bedford
Police
Association.

The engrossed Bill relative to the New Bedford Police Association (see House, No. 4006, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 5 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

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*Engrossed Bills.**Engrossed bills*

Bills
enacted.

Establishing a Horseneck Beach Reservation Trust Fund (see Senate, No. 376, amended) (which originated in the Senate); and

Authorizing the city known as the town of Braintree to grant an additional liquor license (see House, No. 4292, amended) (which originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

*Orders of the Day.**House bills*

Third
reading
bills.

Relative to spear fishing (House, No. 247);

Designating a certain parcel of land in the city of Revere as the Peter E. McCauley Memorial Plaza (House, No. 4456) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Designating certain pavilions in the city of Revere as the Norman Gautreau Memorial Pavilions (House, No. 4457) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill protecting the health and safety of people in restaurants (House, No. 1462) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Restaurants,—
choking
safety.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Ms. Balser of Newton moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4469).

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill authorizing Adam A. Seguin to take the civil service examination for appointment as a police officer in the town of Ware notwithstanding the maximum age requirement (House, No. 4283), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Adam A.
Seguin,—
civil
service.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Smola of Palmer moved to amend it by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 4470).

The amendment was adopted; and the substituted bill was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-three minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Humason of Westfield (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.